arrangements to procure the maximum number of pumps immediately, to rush supply to the agriculturists in consultation with the Collector of high power pumpsets and oil engines at a nominal hire charge ranging from Rs. 5 to Rs. 9 per day. The distribution will be done in localised areas where the installation of such engines and pumsets would provide most beneficial results. In order to provide Lift Irrigation facilities a crash programme for sinking filter point tube wells is already in full swing in Thanjavur district and more than 1,000 filter point tube wells have so far been sunk. There has been no delay in either testing or providing engines for filter point tube wells. As for the supply of electricity to the filter point tube wells both the Licensee Corporations operating in this area have been recently sanctioned loan of Rs. 23 lakhs by the Government and they are taking vigorous steps to energise maximum number of filter point tube wells. More than 900 open wells have also been sunk in the Cauvery Mettur Project ayacut and this will also help meet the difficulty. Thus all possible steps have been taken by Government to mitigate the hardships caused by an unprecedented seasonal failure and as a result both Kuruvai and Samba crops have been largely saved, and Thaladi, to a lesser extent, consistently with the available supplies.

The Honourable Member has also brought to the notice of the Government about the difficulties of agriculturists who are asked to take their produce by the procurement officials to the Godowns. Delivery at the Godowns is only optional. Under the latest orders of the Government procurement agents have been appointed and Marketing societies have been asked to procure. Payment are also being made for delivery at the godowns constructed at Mannargudi and Thanjavur. Producers, Millers and Co-operatives, who deliver paddy and rice at godowns are being paid at the respective stations after quick check and no difficulty has so far been experienced in the matter of delivery at the godowns.

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

9-30 a.m.

Suspension of Rule 41 (3).

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam : Sir, I move—

"That sub-rule (3) of Rule 41 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules in so far as it requires that not more than one matter shall be raised under Rule 41 at the same sitting be suspended."

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

II.—CALLING ATTENTION—*cont.*

(2) Hardships of Agriculturists of Srivilliputhur Taluk.

திரு. ரா. கிருஷ்ணசாமி நாயுடு: கனம் சபா நாயகர் அவர்களே, இராமநாதபுரம் ஜில்லா, ஸ்ரீவில்லிபுத்தூர் தாலூகாவில் மலையடிவாரத்திலுள்ள சுமார் 8 ரெவின்யூ கிராமங்களைத் தவிர தாலூகா